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From: Joan Seeman [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: 6/17/2019 6:10:08 PM
To: Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
CC: Aviles, Jesse [Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov]; jeannine.natterman@state.co.us
Subject: EPA Questions

**EPA
Community Involvement Coordinator
National Vasquez Blvd Superfund Site**

Jennifer Chergo
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Jennifer,
Please help clarify my following concerns:

1. Why is EPA engaging in separate quarterly meetings at this National Superfund Site from the National Vasquez Blvd Superfund site Citizens Advisory Committee?
2. If there are no new documents for the upcoming meeting for OU2 and OU3, why not?
3. Will EPA release draft comments from the personal interviews (without names as required) for the Vasquez Blvd Superfund site Citizen Involvement Plan received after the comment period for the delisting of OU1 (April 8th).
4. Why have these EPA staff not attended any public National Vasquez Blvd Superfund EPA meetings?

Region 8 EPA Administrator,

Superfund and Emergency Management Division
Director: Betsy Smidinger,

Or

Bill Murray
Regional Remediation Director

5. Has EPA copied any invites to attend the quarterly EPA Vasquez Blvd Superfund site meetings to Denver, State, and Federal politicians regarding the status of the National Vasquez Blvd Superfund site?
6. Who currently pays for the Facilitator and Translator for the Vasquez Blvd Superfund site that you mention attend below?
7. Why are so few documents available publicly on the EPA website for the National Vasquez Blvd Superfund site as compared to the Administrative Records provided below for the Colorado Eagle Mine Superfund Site as an example?

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.docdata&id=0800159>

Reports and Documents

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- [Publicly Available Documents \(10 documents\)](#)
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- [OU3: North Property \(1 documents\)](#)

Administrative Records

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- [Final AR for Eagle Mine OU3 ROD Comments \(50 documents\)](#)
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- [EAGLE MINE OU1 ROD AMEND \(449 documents\)](#)
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- [AR EAGLE MINE OU3 \(19 documents\)](#)

8. Jennifer Chergo:

"I don't know why Jeannine is more involved at Lowry than VB/i-70 – you would need to ask her."

Why is CDPHE not actively involved in the National Vasquez Blvd Superfund site as compared to other superfund locations?

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vasquez-blvd-i70-superfund-site>

I look forward to your help in clarifying my concerns. I will also follow-up with National Lowry Landfill Superfund site EPA contact, CDPHE (Jeannine Natterman State community involvement coordinator) to determine why there is CDPHE follow-up at other superfund sites on their public site.

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Jeannine Natterman

CDPHE Superfund Site follow up:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/lowry-landfill-CAG>

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/cosmelt/pptpres_reports

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/cosmelt/CAG>

CDPHE Notice:

"We are pleased to offer these pages as a resource for you to get the most current information about the Colorado Smelter Superfund site and study area."

Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group

Thank you,
Joan Seeman

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/217432>

Community groups help Colorado counties participate in Superfund process

"EPA's Thomas said the agency takes into account all comments from the public, regardless of what form they come in. But many in the community feel the time has come to form a CAG as the official conduit between the watershed and EPA.

"From our perspective, a CAG is the best way to set up the infrastructure for long-term, substantive citizen engagement at the site. Ideally, a CAG would also allow for balanced input from our watershed's diverse

interests,” Gaztambide said. “In the absence of a mechanism for direct, long-term citizen engagement for all of the communities that depend on the Animas River, we’ll continue to advocate for a CAG and continue the discussions that we’ve been having.”

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On Jun 17, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

As you know, Joan, every CAG is a little different depending on site circumstances and needs. I don’t know who Ryan Golden is. And I don’t know why Jeannine is more involved at Lowry than VB/i-70 – you would need to ask her. Just so you know, the VB/I-70 CAG has a facilitator, translation services, and the CAG members have been offered technical assistance numerous times via the TAG and TASC programs. Are you in communication with the CAG? Finally, there are no new documents to review for OU2 and OU3 for the June meeting. Just in case I’m wrong about that, I have included Jesse in this response to let us know.

From: Joan Seeman Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 8:16 PM
To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Cancelling June 20 LLSF CAG Meeting

FYI

“Instead, the CAG community members and EPA will be having an informal work session to discuss current issues involving the Site.”

Lowry below.

Jennifer,

Do you see differences in the EPA responses and community interaction at other Superfund sites as compared to Vasquez Blvd?

1. As an example, who pays for Ryan Golden below ? Why is CDPHE Jeannine N involved below?
2. Several attempts to get Betsy Smidinger, Bill Murray, or Doug Benevento to attend a meeting have been ignored. CDPHE has ignored the CAG and stated they were not recognized as an official CAG and therefore would not post information. Were you aware of this situation? Did you inform the CAG there is a new Administrator?

Lastly, did yo say there are no new documents for OU2 and OU3 to review before the June meeting?

Thanks,

Joan S

, https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/centers/srp/assets/docs/superfund_site_access_appendix_01_508.pdf

Region VIII Ecosystems Protection and Remediation Office - Assistant Regional Administrator: Betsy Smidinger (303) 312-6231, smidinger.betsy@epa.gov

Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator: Sandy Stavnes (303) 312- 6117, stavnes.sandra@epa.gov

This is the major office responsible for the regional Superfund program (and other related hazardous waste programs). The Assistant Regional Administrator reports directly to the political appointee (the Regional Administrator) and is responsible for overall management direction of the Superfund program and tens of millions of dollars in site-specific assessment and remediation.

Region VIII Superfund Remedial Program Director: Bill Murray (303) 312-6401, murray.bill@epa.gov

This is the organizational unit(s) that report(s) directly to the Ecosystems Protection and Remediation Office Administrator. The Director is usually responsible only for the Superfund program or specific aspects of the Superfund program. The Remedial Project Managers (RPMs), responsible for the overall management of each site cleanup report to the SF branch chief.

Superfund and Technology Liaison (STL): Stephen Dymont (303)

312-7044, dymont.stephen@epa.gov

The STL is an engineer/scientist provided by the EPA's research program to assist the Regional Superfund program staff in taking advantage of the services that the EPA research program has to offer. They are usually very knowledgeable of the regional program and also have familiarity with the EPA laboratories around the country.

Senior Human Health Risk Assessor: David Berry (303) 312-8358, berry.david@epa.gov

The Regional Toxics Integration Coordinator is usually the senior Superfund regional risk assessor/scientist and is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the site-specific risk assessments conducted at Superfund sites in the region. The RTIC usually works with other human health and ecological risk assessors in the region.

Regional Science Liaison (RSL): Alfred Basile (303) 312-6551, basile.alfred@epa.gov

Regional Science Liaisons are also provided by the EPA research program, but they have a broader portfolio than the STLs. They provide insights on the EPA research program services for air, water, pesticides, and hazardous waste.

Region VIII Community Public Liaison: Vacant

Superfund's Community Public Liaisons reach out to residents, local and state leaders, and citizen groups to identify the public's concerns. They keep interested citizens informed and involved, and work with EPA technical staff to ensure that public concerns are considered and addressed.

Regional Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Environmental Justice - Acting Assistant Regional Administrator: Suzanne Bohan (303) 312-6925, Bohan.suzanne@epa.gov

Acting Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator: Kimberly Opekar (303) 312-6352, opekar.kimberly@epa.gov

Each region has an EJ contact to answer questions by regional staff regarding the Agency's guidance and rules for dealing with EJ communities and to refer policy questions to the appropriate officer in the Office of Environmental Justice in EPA HQ.

Regional Administrator for Region VIII: Doug Benevento (303) 312-6532, Benevento.douglas@epa.gov

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator: Deb Thomas (303) 312- 6532, thomas.debrah@epa.gov

The RA is the head of the regional office and is a political appointee. The Deputy RA is the senior civil servant in the regional office. Superfund is just one of their environmental program responsibilities. Contact with the EPA region should almost always be at the Superfund Division or Branch chief level.

EPA Region VIII Organizational Chart:

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/organization-chart-epas-region-8-office>

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR):

Regional Representative: LCDR Kai Elgethun (303) 312-7019 (Denver) (208) 378-5767 (Boise), irz6@cdc.gov

The ATSDR, based in Atlanta, Georgia, is a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It has three to five representatives in each EPA regional office to deal with site-specific health assessment issues. The ATSDR Senior Regional Representatives work with EPA on each SF site and bring aboard other ATSDR scientific staff when conducting site health assessments.

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/organization-epas-region-8-office-denver>

Superfund and Emergency Management Division

Director: Betsy Smidinger

What We Do: The Superfund and Emergency Management Division (SEMD) is responsible for activities regarding the Oil Pollution Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund. SEMD determines goals, priorities and objectives for the Superfund and oil programs; oversees the work of federal responsible party cleanups; and concurs on military base closure property transfers. SEMD also:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->coordinates the discovery, assessment, remediation, and removal of, and assists with enforcement of abandoned hazardous waste sites;
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->develops strategies to reuse Superfund sites, and
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->responds to emergency—including terrorism—situations that pose an immediate threat to human health and the

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ryan Golten <rgolten@cbi.org>
Date: June 14, 2019 at 3:56:02 PM MDT
To: Jennifer Harrison <harrison.jennifer@epa.gov>, "Natterman - CDPHE, Jeannine" <jeannine.natterman@state.co.us>
Cc: Ryan Golten <rgolten@cbi.org>
Subject: **Cancelling June 20 LLSF CAG Meeting**

Greetings,

This is to inform you that the Community Advisory Group for the Lowry Landfill Superfund Site will NOT be meeting in June. Instead, the CAG community members and EPA will be having an informal work session to discuss current issues involving the Site. The CAG plans to hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, July 18**, 2019 from 6-8pm at the E-470 Public Highway Authority, 22470 East 6th Parkway conference room in Aurora. Meeting documents will be posted before the meeting on the Lowry Landfill CAG website.

If you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me or Jennifer Harrison at harrison.jennifer@epa.gov or 303-312-6813.

Ryan

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